

For-sale cars, abandoned scrap vehicles: Municipalities register over 1,000 cases

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A total of 1053 cases have been booked this year until May for illegally displaying cars for sale or abandoning scrap vehicles on public roads and streets, according to a top official from the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Under-secretary of Municipal Affairs, said they are moving ahead with a campaign to remove abandoned cars with "for sale" signs from the roadside.

Owners have been served notices to remove their vehicles within 48 hours of receiving intimation, or they will face legal action.

From January to May this year, the Capital recorded 228 violations, Muharraq 407, the Northern governorate 273, and



Some of the abandoned vehicles

the Southern municipality 145.

Saleh Tarada, the head of the Capital Municipality Council, emphasised the significant environmental damage caused by these rusty vehicles. "They are disrupting the overall appearance and aesthetics of residential neighbourhoods, also leading to complaints from citizens about blocked roads and traffic issues."

He pointed out that abandoned vehicles are found on the outskirts of streets, internal roads, and even in the middle of residential areas.

To address this issue effectively, he stressed, a genuine community partnership is essential.

As part of the campaign, the municipality places stickers on these cars three days prior to their removal, aiming to address the problem and restore the cleanliness and orderliness of the areas affected.

High Appeals Court rejects divorce, orders woman to return to husband's house

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The High Appeals Court has dismissed the appeal of a woman who contested a court decision denying her divorce petition.

Additionally, the court has ruled in favour of her husband's petition, instructing the woman to return to their marital home.

The woman had approached the court, alleging that her husband had married another woman and failed to provide her with suitable housing. However, after conducting an investigation, the court dismissed her claims, stating that the apartment she resided in was independent and adequate.

Simultaneously, the husband had filed a counter-lawsuit requesting the woman's return to



their marital home.

In the trial held at the Court of First Instance, the wife's lawsuit was rejected, with the court advising her to reconcile with her husband. In response, the woman challenged this decision in the appeals court.

During the trial, the husband maintained that he had not harmed or disrespected his wife. He expressed his will-

ingness to welcome her back, extend forgiveness, and open the doors of their house to her.

The appeals court ultimately denied the woman's appeal citing lack of evidence supporting her claims. As a result, the previous court's decision stands, and the woman is obligated to return to her marital home as ordered by the High Appeals Court.

Men get five years in jail for running text-message scam

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The High Appeals Court has affirmed the verdict to imprison two Asian men for five years each for finding guilty of defrauding a 60-year-old man out of BD500 through a deceptive text message scam.

The court also slapped them with a fine of BD5,000 on each, and upon completion of their jail term, they will be deported from the country.

The incident leading to the case unfolded when the victim received a text message containing a fraudulent link,

prompting him to provide personal information, including his bank card details.

Unbeknownst to the victim, this act facilitated the unauthorised withdrawal of BD500 from his bank account.

However, after realising that he had fallen victim to a scam, the man promptly filed a complaint with the Anti-Cyber Crime Department, seeking the recovery of his funds.

Through investigations, authorities were able to trace the misappropriated funds to its final recipient, who had subse-

quently transferred the money overseas.

The individual responsible for receiving the funds was apprehended based on security footage.

Further investigations revealed that the arrested individual, along with a partner, were operating a network of fraudulent activities.

The defendants have been charged by the Public Prosecution with wire fraud, identity theft and money laundering, leading to their conviction and sentencing by the High Appeals Court.



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Stress knows no nationality: Top expert shares strategies to reduce its impact, self-development @ Bahrain Mediation Centre

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Over a hundred citizens and residents recently participated in a two-day stress management course organised by the Bahrain Mediation Centre on the benefits of meditation and self-development.

During sessions, Prakash Chugani, an executive coach, corporate trainer, and meditator, shared insights on ways to combat harmful influences, cultivate confidence in managing challenging relationships, and enhance decision-making capabilities in high-pressure situations through meditation.

While meditation has its roots in Asian traditions, Chugani em-



Participants during the seminar

phasised that stress knows no nationality and underscored the importance of identifying the

sources of stress as a key step towards finding solutions.

"Having a different nationality

has no bearing on how stressed out one is," he said, adding, "stress can manifest in various



Prakash Chugani

ways, such as anger, annoyance, irritability, and the development of unhealthy habits triggered by

activities we don't recognise as stressors."

Chugani acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated stress levels, leading to an increase in panic attacks and anxiety. In such cases, he stressed: "We cannot rely on meditation; instead, a person would need a lot more support and mechanisms."

Chugani encouraged participants to exercise caution while maintaining a carefree mindset, enabling them to remain unaffected by external stressors. "By accepting that certain stress-inducing factors are beyond their control, individuals can choose to remain calm, take responsibility for their actions, and focus on what truly matters."